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Tear Gas Subdues Sirhan

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Sept. 10 (AP)—Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was subdued by tear gas in his death row cell at San Quentin Prison for throwing food at a guard and refusing to give up a metal tray, Warden Louis S. Nelson said today.

The warden said the 26-year-old Arab-born Sirhan was given a sedative after the incident Wednesday afternoon and placed in an isolation cell without access to newspapers, radio and television.

Associate Warden James Park said Sirhan was apparently disturbed over his mother's attempt to go to the Mideast in connection with the Palestinian guerrilla airliner hijackings.

He said Sirhan had been "on edge" since the refusal of prison officials to allow him to send a telegram to one of his attorneys over his mother's proposed trip.

"That really made him mad," Park said.

At one point, the hijackers reportedly demanded Sirhan's freedom for release of more than 200 passengers held hostages on planes in Jordan.